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1. Between 2 and 11 January 1948, the following transports moved eastward through Kuestrin-Kietz, bound for Insterburg:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
2 January	111	Grain
	60	Scrap iron
3 January	110	Sugar
	118	Scrap iron
4 January	40	Artillery munitions, old
	113	Barracks parts
5 January	125	Grain
6 January	51	Officers and dependents
7 January	107	Grain
	112	Scrap iron
8 January	25	Officers and dependents
	54	Barracks parts
	57	Scrap iron
9 January	122	Scrap iron
10 January	24	Officers and dependents
	118	Scrap iron
11 January	114	Scrap iron

2. During the same period, i.e. between 2 and 11 January 1948, 30 empty freight trains and 2 passenger trains for officers and dependents returned from Russia.
3. Between 17 December 1947 and 5 January 1948, the following transports passed through Zossen to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
17 December	21	Timber for bridges and construction work
18 December	22	Chassis for narrow-gauge RR cars
19 December	14	Parts for wooden houses, new
30 December 1948	22	Cranes, Diesel tractors, and motorized trolleys
1 January	12	Parts of RR cars

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Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
2 January	26	Tracks, ties, signal equipment, and hand-cars
4 January	15	Grain, fodder, etc.

No supplementary cars were dispatched between 28 December 1947 and 5 January 1948 for the shipment of dismantled machines and equipment.

4. Between 15 December 1947 and 4 January 1948, the following transports passed through Elsterwerda to the border points indicated below.

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
18 December	14	Basic chemicals for medicine	Frankfurt/Oder
	18	Trucks with cross-country mobility	Forst
20 December	24	Machines for making china-ware (from Meissen plant)	Forst
21 December	28	Dismantled machines	Forst
	20	Lathes, presses, etc., new	Forst
23 December	26	Dismantled machines and hoisting devices	Forst
(No observations made between 27 and 29 December)			
31 December 1948	10	Large transformers for power-station	Frankfurt/Oder
3 January	18	Requisitioned machines (crated)	Forst
4 January	18	Textiles	Forst
	28	Heavy machines, dismantled	Forst

Because of a shortage of labor, only an insignificant part of the material stored in collection centers could be loaded on railroad cars. This means that the stations Leipzig, Dresden, Chemnitz, and Halle are so congested that there was a question of cancelling all passenger trains for a few days.

5. [REDACTED] the eastbound railroad traffic (not including military transports) for the month of December 1947 through Frankfurt/Oder as follows:

Carloads		Carloads	
162	of wood	19	of gasoline
53	printed matter, munitions	128	munitions
52	roofing tiles	218	printed matter
31	narrow-gauge locomotives	372	barracks
122	cement	841	wooden houses
107	furniture and machines	463	railroad cars
46	glass, textiles, machines	446	automobiles
41	chloride of lime	853	sugar
72	machines, bicycles	1263	railroad ties
41	carbon black, metal beds	1493	reparations equipment
55	motors, printed matter	1473	industrial plant, equipment, dismantled
118	scrap iron		potash
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comment: The discrepancies between the number of cars listed above and the numbers given in the regular consecutive railroad reports are thought to be due to the fact that [REDACTED]

tions. As to the contents of cars, the documents of the Reichsbahndirektion contain the listings given them by the appropriate Russian authorities, which, in some cases, might be inaccurate and explain the discrepancies in listings.

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